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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1916.

#### "Put Up or Shut Up"

HAIRMAN HENRY, of the House Rules Committee voices the demand of the country when he calls on the blatant Thomas W. Lawson, in forceful if thelegant language, to "put up or shut up." Lawson has spread broadcast stories of a "leak" in the government's diplomatic service, and has had the effrontery to predict other leaks. It there is any truth in his charges, the country and Congress ought to know it not only to punish, but to check, the offenders. If there is no truth in them. Lawson should be branded. Further, if Lawson declines Representative Henry's invitation to appear, he should be summoned to appear and made to give his evidence, or admit he has none.

The brotherhoods are likely to find that they are labor's boomerangs.

#### Blackguarding the Guard

the plan of universal military service a plan, by the way, which The Times-Dispatch heartily approves -- it is to be feared that some officers of the regular army are going a little too far in their efforts to discredit the National Guard. They invite retaliation and they are likely to get it.

! It is notorious that not all the delays and summer were imputable to its own officers regular army system more than once broke dpwn. There were incidents at Camp Henry Carter Stuart which were very much in point. ings now in progress.

We are for universal military service, but that does not make re blind to the unwisdom allied note. of dwellers in glass houses who just will i throw stones.

It begins to look as though the Emperor Charles is refusing to dance when the Kaiser bibea.

#### "Intensive"

EVERY now and then, some new or old word is brought to the surface by a writer or speaker, and immediately every other writer and speaker grasps it in a firm clasp and rings the changes on it, in season and out, until its real meaning becomes pretty well obscured. At this moment the most overworked and tired catchword in our vocabulary is "intensive," which has long ago supplanted "efficiency" in popular favor.

Nowadays, no study, no training, no sys tem of education, no preparation of mind. body or estate, is mentioned unless it is coupled with the adjective "intensive." About half the time the word is properly used; the rest of the time it either means nothing, or is inaccurately substituted for the word "extensive." Us vogue will not last long, because its use is just as much a fashion as yesterday's, to-day's and to-morrow's manner of accenting "illustrate." Just let it alone and it will soon find its way back to the dictionary, from which another word will emerge to take its place in daily speech.

Some critics find peril in the League to Enforce Peace. However, there are greater perils in the existing leagues to bring on

## Results of Somme Drive

WHETHER the allied offensive on the Somme is to be regarded as a complete . failure, as the Germans contend, or as a nearly epuplete success, as British and French writers describe it, depends on the point of gew and on the object the offensive is as-Brobably the truth lies somewhere between and development.

& General Haig, in an interesting account of the great drive, calls it "a sweeping triumph," robbed of final decisiveness only by a long spell of bad weather, which halted operations by artillery and infantry and made aerial Rupprecht of Bavaria, the German commander on the Somme front, says, on the other hand, that the offensive was halted by chaustion and by the tremendous losses the attackers suffered.

We incline rather to the German than tothe Franco-British estimate of the result. A sweeping triumph" which does not include the capture of either Bapaume or Peronne seems greatly to resemble the "victory" the Germans achieved at Verdun.

prophesied the present war, had less luck in cumulated orders for deliveries for some ophesying its end. She lived to see several predictions of that sort proved false.

## Mr. Ryan's Departure

is to be expected that the removal of Thomas F. Ryan's legal residence from trict of Columbia, will be greeted by opponents of the tax segregation system as proof of their contention that the new laws would drive wealthy citizens from the State. And putting aside the distinction conferred on Virginia by Mr. Ryan's citizenship, the financial loss the State is supposed to have sustained, or is expected to sustain, is not

apparent. Before the tax segregation system went income will go up in smoke into effect, Mr. Ryan, although he had been a legal resident of Nelson County since 1905. had paid practically no taxes on intangibles.

ington he will pay no taxes on intangibles. Nothing from nothing leaves nothing, so the loss to the Commonwealth will be exactly nothing at all.

Taxes will continue to be paid on Mr. Ryan's great estate in Nelson County, Just as they have in the past, while under the operation of the tax segregation law and the other measures enacted to give it efficiency, the State has collected from Mr. Ryan \$235,000 on omitted returns. So far as we can see, Virginia is just \$235,000 to the good.

According to report the new quarters and half-dollars are very attractive coins. Personally, we have never seen a coin which failed to answer that general description.

#### Talk That Brings No Peace

view of the allies' long expected refusal to accede to Germany's proposal of a peace conference, the London Spectator's forecast of the peace terms they are likely to outline in their response to President Wilson's note becomes doubly interesting. If the Spectator is right, the war has just begun.

Starting with the status quo ante bellum. the central powers are to be required further to surrender Alsace-Lorraine to France, part of Schleswig-Holstein to Denmark and Posea and Galicia to the Poland which is to spring into being after the war. The South Austrian Slavs are to achieve national identity. Bohemia is to become independent. Roumania is to acquire part of Transylvania, and the Austrian Tyrol, plus Trieste and Istria. s to be added to Italy. Russia is to acquire onstantinopte, and the Armenians are to be placed under Russian guidance. Arabia is to be taken from Turkey.

In addition to these changes, the German colonies are to remain in the hands of the entente, while for the evil she has wrought. ermany is to be required to pay a great inlemnity. The German navy and mercantile marine are to be distributed among the allies. The Kiel Canal, is to be internationalized. The German government will be required to 'democratize itself," which means, seemingly, the destruction of Prussian and Hohenzollern hegemony over the Cerman states.

We need not waste much time in discussing, in connection with peace at this time, this ambitious program. Doubtless it is a perfectly proper one, but its acceptance by IN their efforts to win popular approval for any German government is entirely inconecivable. Germany will not yield half what the Speciator describes as the minimum of allied peace terms. If the Spectator is welladvised, there is no chance of peace save at the cannon's mouth.

Germany and Austria-Hungary and Turkey also will fight on, for concessions such as the Spectator speaks of mean political death. bjunders of the guard's mobilization last Before such a peace is forced, millions of men will die, other millions will be crippled and men, for the regular army officers or the for life and billions of dollars in treasure will be expended. The efforts of the President of the United States, of Switzerland, Denmark. Swdeen, Norway and other neutral countries will be surprising if facts of this general will be in vain. For the sake of the whole description are not brought out at the hear- world, it is to be hoped that when replies to their interpolations are made, they will be liess conclusively negative than the latest

There is another side to the picture. The German Kaiser and the German Chancellor are still speaking of "a victorious peace," but for the central powers there can be no peace of that description. Despite their military victories, their cause already is lost. Their peoples begin to feel the pinch of starvation. and their armies on the western front, whenever they are attacked, yield a little ground. For Germany to speak of "conferring peace" on the allies is grotesque tragedy. She must learn modesty and make great concessions if she would win the blessing for which her suffering millions pray.

War's ancient magnificence has been sacrificed in these prosaic days to the demands of efficiency, but diplomacy's magnifoquence has lost nothing of its fine flavor. Yet peace will not come the unicker because their places and hurl defiance at each other. Sweet reasonableness was never sweeter or more promising than it is now.

First Chief Carranza, if he does not mend his ways, may have occasion to recall the promise that the first shall be last.

## Business Situation Optimistic

THIS final week of a year of unprecedented I prosperity finds all lines of business optimistic as to the immediate future and con-Adent of ability to meet every requirement for readjustment to changed conditions, which will inevitably make their appearance at the close of the European struggle.

It is foreseen that the coming year will present large opportunities for trade expansion, but to make these available in a continuance of present prosperous conditions, the fact is not ignored that we are face to face with many domestic problems to whose intelligent solution both courage and wise foresight will be essential. That these qualities are not lacking in the American people upon occasions demanding their exercise, has been abundantly demonstrated shmed to have been intended to accomplish. Throughout the history of American progress

With a financial system that equips the banks of the country with machinery that will enable them to maintain the dollar as the standard of world exchange after the war. and the appointment of the Bank of England as agent for the Federal Reserve Bank of reconnoissances impossible. Crown Prince | New York, and the probable appointment of like foreign agents in Paris, Berlin, Madrid, Petrograd and other financial centers of Europe and the Orient, the exporting and importing interests of this country will occupy a vantage position to largely increase their dealings with these foreign nations, thereby stimulating home production both in field and factory.

Naturally, the week in demestic trade has evidenced a slowing up in movement incident to the satisfying of holiday buying, the taking Mme, de Thebes, who was reputed to have regards buying for future delivery, but acof annual inventories and conservatism as months shead and the general strength of the mangial situation in its relation to all forms of industry give gratifying assurance of continued prosperity for the New Year.

That public school-teacher who is charged Nelson County, Virginia, to Washington, Dis- with smoking eights must be a perfectly terrible creature. He ought to have realized his conduct was decidedly unladylike

> Speaking of New Year resolutions, why does not the Street Cleaning Department resolve this year to wash the street.

With coal prices soaring, it is more probable than ever that a big share of the family

With everything else forbidden, it is incumbent on the City Council to furnish an When he removes his legal residence to Wash- I adequate water result at least

## SEEN ON THE SIDE

#### Revamped.

Twas the night before New Year And all through the house Not a creature was stirring-

Not even a mouse. Mamma in her kerchief And I in my cap

Had just settled down

For a long winter's nap. At least, so it seemed-

There came an explosion. No longer I dreamed But, scared half to death

By the noise and the clatter, I threw up the window To see what was the matter.

Down there in the street Was a crowd of bad boys, And they had been making

That horrible noise. "Get away from my house," I shricked in mad rage;

"Get away from my house Or a copper I'll page."

"Get back in your hole, You old fossil," said they, "And cease to object

That we greet New Year's Day." So I crept back to bed. With envy quite green-

I had not remembered Nineteen-Seventeen.

#### The Pessimist Says:

Even if the peacemaker does get the worst of it, he will have plenty of precedents to sup-

Taught by Experience.

"Are you making any resolutions for the New Year " inquired the loyal constituent. "Only one," responded Congressman Hamm-

#### "I am highly resolving not to tell anybody in my district that I know how to reduce the high cost of living."

No Scarcity There. "Has this paper famine hit you? "I think not," declared Broker Kiter. "In fact,

when my bank, called me up this morning it was to say that my stock of paper was assuming too large proportions.

## To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke.

The town boaster was in a reminiscent mood. and, for the benefit of the crowd of yours loafers gathered at the village store, had been recalling the stirring times on the first election day after the war in the Southern town where he had lived.

"Yes-sir-ec, that was a hot time." he con-"They was a lot of shootin' took place. and I done my share of it, I tell you. feliers, I shot and shot until my old revolver just felt hot to my hands."

Turning to another old man who had come from the same Southern town, he said, rather condescendingly, "Why, Jim, you must a-been there that day. How many times did you

Jim spat with deliberation, rolled his eyes reflectively, and answered, "Jest once, right in the thick of it when the fight begun, and I shot round the corner and down into a cellar "- Youth's Companion

#### Damp in Spots, Anyhow.

some folks round here are heard to say That it was "dry" on Christmas Day, Which makes me wonder where they went To find this lack of nourishment

## Books and Authors

James W. Gerard, American ambassador to German Empire: In the Third Year of the Wi by Herbert Bayard Swope.

Zane Grey, author of "The Border Legion," has left his summer home at Lackawaxen, Pa, and gone to Middletown, N. Y. where he expects to spend the winter. Mr. Grey is now basy reading proofs of his next novel.

"The Sweetheart Game," the San Francisco Chinatown one-sact play which Ruth Comfort Mitchell inclined in her recent book, "The Night Court and Other Verse," has just been produced with marked success at the Palace Theater New York

That the English departments of our colleges That the English departments of our concessive beginning to recognize the existence of modern literature is indicated by the fact that a fifth large edition has just been required of Cunliffe and Lomer's "Writing of To-Day," a collection of prose articles of all types by well-brown literary writers. known living writers.

"Nelson's History of the War? by John uchan, B. A. (Thomas Nelson & Son, New ork) is not an ordinary war book giving dinions of various writers, but an actual record events as they have taken place, written by the who has been at the front for many months of knows the actual conditions of the present affare.

Philip Curtiss, author of the recently published novel, "Between Two Worlds," is now housed, as the result of a serious accident. A few days ago he was filling the radiator of his automobile, when the alcohol exploded. His face was badly burned, but, to the great relief of those who know him, the doctors have defeated that of those who know him the doctors have de-clared that he escaped disfigurement and per-manent injury to his eyes.

"Old Virginia Days and Ways," being reminiscences of Mrs. Sally McCarty Pleasants, edited by her daughter, Lucy Lee Pleasants (George Banta Publishing Company, Menssha, Wis.). This is a delightfully charming volume of reminiscences, in which the narrator embodied the grace and charm of Virginia as it used to be—the Virginia of her youth, to which see was always tenderly loyal.

Old subscribers to Harper's Magazine will remember Constance Fenimore Woolson's serial,
"Anne," Over a year ago a tablet, representing
"Anne, was erected to Miss Woolson on Mackinac Island, the Scene of the story. Although
there has always been a continuous demand
for the novel, the erection of the memorial so
stimulated the local interest, that—according
to a Mackinac dealer—his sale of "Anne" last
year increased 100 per cent

Admiral Fiske believes that the revolutionary change in Germany's foreign policy which resulted in the creation of her great navy was caused by Admiral Mahans book on sea power. He says, in his new book, "The Navy as a Fighting Machine". "The strategically trained hind of William grasped at once the situation laid bare by Mahan, and his military training led him to quick decision and prompt action. The necessary machinery was soon set in motion, with the amazing result that in twenty years the German navy became the second in cower, and perhaps the first in efficiency, in the world.

## The Voice of the People

## How to Pay School-Teachers.

How to ray Senon-reaers,
to the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir -1 agree with you that "the economic ecessities of a progressive civilization easily uggest the wisdom of increasing the salaries of our school-teachers."
Ent where is the money to come from? Shall

of our school-teachers.

Int where is the money to come from? Shall we put a special tax on boarding-house keepers to pay for public education? Another way to to pay for public education? Another way to raise the needed money would be to assess a fine of \$50 on every man or woman who builds a house to live in, or who commits any other kind of improvement on a vacant lot. I haven't got any patent on these ideas, as this is the kind of taxation we have always had in Virginia—the kind which penalizes with a fine in the guine of a tax all the industry and enterprise of the community.

Did you ever hear of a place called Minnesota" it is considered rather wild and woolly by certain people who never crossed the Onlo River, but out there they raise the entire annual income of their State university by a method which is as simple as it is economically just. which is as simple as it is economically just. Every ton of copper mined in the State pays a royalty to the State university. The income from this source in recent years has run up to an enormous figure, so that the University of Minnesota has the largest State income of any in America. Doesn't this suggest that our law-makers might take a look around our State, which is fell of undeveloped natural recourses.

which God put in the ground for us, and see if they can't devise a way to tax these natural resources into use, and then pay decent salaries to the teachers?

Charlesville, Va. December 28

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Founding of Confederate Home.

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To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—Since the recent fire at the Home for Needy Confederate Women, I have had a number of calls for information, so I am asking that you publish this letter containing an account of the founding of the home:

In the year 1898, the Ladles' Auxiliary of the Pickett Camp had to its credit in bank the sum of \$1,000, the amount having been raised to build a home for needy Confederate women. I was made the treasurer of this fund. The money lay in bank, and the home seemed no reaser realization than ever, until Mrs, Alice Reddy, Mrs. D. N. Burgess and myself, all three members of the Ladles' Auxiliary of Pickett Camp, carried the motion that definite action be taken towards founding a home for needy Confederate women. Mrs. D. N. Burgess and myself obtained from the Legislature the sum of \$1,000, and with this lone \$1,000 Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Reddy and myself arranged with the A. J. Chewning Co. for the purchase of the Sayder withdrew from the contract, and Mr. Chewning then purchased the house 1828 Grove Avenue, and at this number, on October 15, 1900, the Home for Needy Confederate Women was opened by Governor Hoge Tyler. There were nine humates. A little later, Mrs. Reddy, Mrs. Burgess and myself obtained from the Legislature the sum of \$5,000. There were were nine humates. A little later, Mrs. Reddy, Mrs. Burgess and myself obtained from the Legislature the sum of \$5,000. There were also other substantial donations from Mr. Flagier, of Florida, and others. Thus, before the New Year of 1901, the home was not only an assured fact, but almost entirely paid for, All papers pertaining to the foundation of the home are in a lock-box in the bank. However, they can be seen by amountment. hee are in a lock-box in the bank. However, heey can be seen by appointment at my home, 227 Floyd Avenue. Of the three founders of its home, Mrs. Reddy is dead, Mrs. Powell tyes at 1227 Floyd Avenue, and Mrs. D. N. Burress Hyes on Second Avenue, Highland Park, udge gorge L. Christian drew the charter for he home. MRS. NELSON POWELL. Exchanged, December 29

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Argentina and United States Trade.

J. E. M. Richmond, Va. The Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C., can give information about trade with Argentina. The McAdoos.

R. S. H. Stafford, Va.—Secretary McAdoo is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. McAdoo, Uke her father, the President, is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

#### To Clean a Pewter Pot.

Mrs. B. M., Spotsylvania, Va.—Clean the pot with a cleib dampened with a 20 per cent solution of cyanide of potash, being careful to wash the hands afterwards. "Officer Twist."

C. S. E. Bristol, Va "'Oliver Twist" was written by Charles Dickens and published in 1837. It was named from its principal character, a workhouse orphan. One of its purposes was to promote reform of the abuses in alms-Lieutenant Max Immelman.
J. D. F., Toano, Va.—Lieutenant Max Immelman, one of the best aviators of the German flying corps, and who had been credited with bringing down fifteen enemy airplanes, was killed June 21, 1916, when his machine fell to the ground.

Ars. R. P. K. Williamsburg, Va — Wash your silver in hot soapsuds (use the silver soap if convenient), then clean with a paste of whiting and whisky. Polish with a clean flannel or chamois. If silver is always washed in hot soapsuds, rinsed well in hot water and wiped dry with soft flannel or chamois, it would not require the constant rubbing, which, in time, will wear away the sterling silver.

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Rallway Valuation.

A. T. P., Woodstock, Va.—Net capital of all the railways of the United States was \$15.700,-000.000 on June 30, 1915. Later figures are not yet available. The question as to whether the United States could own and operate the railroads to greater public advantage than they are now owned and operated by corporations is one on which wise men differ. Of course, the government could operate them profitably, because it could adjust rates to expenses if it had no competition.

## About the District of Columbia. P. Petersburg, Va.—Residents

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W. S. P. Petersburg, Va.—Residents of the District of Columbia never had the right to vote therein for national officers or other matters of national concern after the territory in it was ceded to the United States and became the seat of the general government. The District of Columbia consists of wixty square miles of land and ten of water on the eastern side of the Potomac, at the head of deep-water naylgation; an enclave in Maryland, with three recrict of Columbia of land and ten of he Potomac, at the ion: an enclave is angular sides an ines of the river Maryland, with three rec-the fourth following the besides the islands in the

## Current Editorial Comment

So the case stands. The ques-Talking seems to be as to Germany's agrees and ability to contain the fighting. There is no tare of any weakening on part of the entente allies. As At Least art of the entente allies. As a neutral nations, there can all armestly desire peace, a have suffered severely. The neutral nations, there can be all earnestly desire peace, a have suffered severely. Denamark, Norway and nore than two years been and as a result are not of some of their influence is strong. Perhaps it is some wain at talking peace. But that that can be said. The German delegates to has not yet been called at The Hagne. It will be other delegates are there Perhaps the purpose of enstrate still further Germandtes. But it is not he no question. The for many of the Switzerland, Holla Sweden have for within the war zo without experience war. Very naturally on the side of peace to have all the world is, as yet, the most imans seem to feel the about to happen, for the conference that have already arrived rather lonely, for noto meet with them this move is to derivancy's willingness likely that a conference return. There before such an event believed that Germ-President's note will the allies are concern. negotiate. But it is not bee will assemble in the a good deal to be done official reply

President's note will besten matters. As the allies are concerned they have made it feetly clear that, though they are not new tectly clear that, though they are not unwilling to consider terms, or to regulate if they can learn what Germany proposes, they mean to continue the war until at least some of the ob-jects sought are gained—indianapolis News.

In old ituda on the steen New King Denote book booking over one of the book booking over one of the book to div prospects towards the Human and have in recent years courted the house the limited and in the booking over one of the book of their proposets. Hungary the Human have in recent years courted a sulendid relace to the coide of their reconstituted kinedom This coeffe tile has been mainly internated since the death of the Empress Elizabeth; the crown of Francis Joseph made his visits few rad brief, and of late forbade them. To-day the inlace is to open its doors to a notable cerevanial, when Previer Them and Cardinal Carnock Primate of Hungary, crown Charles King with the crown of St. Stenhen. Even the innier branch of the roval family tree dates back to A. D. 1006, January 1, the ensity respectively old crown, stoken now and then by Turky or revolutionists, but always restored, so black that it is often called iron, is the visible token of Hungarian independence. Like orbinal security and freedom, it is the irony of equire that to half his subjects the recession of King Charles means the subjection of their rationalities, a day of humiliation, if of hone. For Remarkanian, Croat, Sech, Czech, Italian, neither the crown of Stenhen nor of Charlemagne can have sacred associations. A great war shelves the dual measurely to its center. Familia and sorcrown of Stephen nor of Charlemagne can have special associations. A great war shakes the dual menarchy to its center. Famine and sorrow stalk abread. Peace is as yet a vision without substance. Like Francis Joseph. Charles comes to the throne in tumult. Will his reign also he a record of reaction and repression; or does the san of modernism stip at last in the old veins of that body which Voltaire said was neither holy nor Roman nor an em-

## REDUCING THE COST OF LIVING---VIII.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN

Clothing is a delicate subject in most households this year. On the first of the month when the bills come in the month when the bills come in the month. And it is equally certain the month when the bills come in the month when the bills come in the month. the month when the bills come in the cain that the woman of to-day, need of the household is treated with great respect. His daughters parade their most threadbare costumes before the four dresses this season at the rate him; his slightest remark is greeted of one every three weeks, or do I with the most flattering appreciation, with the most flattering appreciation, part of next winter?" and his wife takes great troubles to and his wife takes great troubles to Buying quality is a more intricate explain in detail the unjust, but enor- matter as a rule, than buying quantity. mous, cost of his two favorite dishes for there are so many imitation fabrics served at the evening meal. Even so, inexperienced. In order to get the best value for her money, the buyer head of the household when he begins must know the standard fabries on the to open the bills. The American man is noted all over the world as the is noted all over the world as the most lenient and indulgent of fathers and husbands, but there are times, this information. such as this year, when he allows himself to become irritated at the in-

why silk dresser that used to cost \$25 are now \$39.50, or way shoes that formerly could be bought in any store for \$5 should now be \$10 and \$12. is beyond his comprehension. Yet there is just as much reason behind the advance of prices in wearing apparel as there is in the higher cost of foods. Shees are high, because hides and skins are scarce, one to the tremendous demand of the European armies for war shoes. So far as silk is concerned, the war has also put a crimp in that industry. The silk worms are still doing their duty nobly in supplystill doing their duty nobly in supplysing the raw silk, but the men who formerly gathered the product are now
in the trenches or in the hospitals.

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The same thing is true of other thrics. The flex fields of Europe, thich formerly supplied us with flax make our linen, have in some in-tances—as in Belgium—been comletely wiped out, and in others are not being worked to anything like their former capacity. Hence, linen is

attention to the planning of her dothes.

#### Family Budget is Necessary.

In the first place, no system of house-hold economy can be very efficient inless based upon a carefully thought out family budget. It is the first principle of thrift as taught by the banks, the domestic science and art chools and other thrift propagandists, and it makes the most accurate diary of expenditures. In making a budget, you must first decide what is the most important thing in life to you and your family, and then apportion your income accordingly. If clothes are the most important, then 15 per cent, or one-fourth of the income, is not too much to spend on them. a home, or education, or recreation are more important, then clothes must consequence

The ideal family budget, proposed by Ellen Richards, allows "only 15 percent for clothing, while 25 percent is allowed for food, 20 for rent, 15 for running expenses and 25 for the higher interests of life." This appears to be an ideal apportionment for the family, whose income is \$2,500 a year or more, but for the ordinary working girl making anywhere from \$50 to \$100 a month, 15 percent for clothing would hardly cover the cost of mecessities at the present status of prices. The ideal family budget, proposed by

Having decided how much she can afford to spend on clothes, the American woman must take an inventory of her last year's wardrobe to see what can be made to do for this year. This is always a discouraging experience. The hat that she remembers as a rather or nice hat when she put it away in the spring is always shabbler than she spring is always shabber than she thought, and her evening clothes look mussed and soiled. However, if she discussing the question of clothes must be mentioned the matter of hygiene. Why mussed and soiled. However, if she is economical and naturally artistic, a great deal of this seeming junk may be utilized. Next she must make a complete list of the wearing apparel. The property of well-made comfortable walking shoes in the shoe stores? Why do she and her family need for the year and figure out just how much she can they crowd their organs by tight lacing afford to pay for each article so as merely at the dictates of fachica? Fortunately, many women to-day are not to exceed her 15 or 25-per cent

bility is often poor economy, for the wearer loses in personal satisfaction the money saved in the buying. On the money saved in the buying. On the money saved in the buying. On the other hand, to buy a garment because it is pretty or becoming when it looks as if it would not outlive live or six occasions, or when it really is not needed, is certainly extravagance. It is well to strike a happy medium and buy a garment that is both beautiful and durable, but such garments are by no means inexpen-

Then, there is the question of quantity versus quality. fer to have many dresses of cheap materials so that they may keep up with the latest novelties and styles, while sense. With the prices of fabrics at others prefer to have a few dresses of their present state of increase, clothes good materials, maintaining a conare more a problem than ever, esservative style. There is no doubt pecially to the head of the household.

## Library for Richmond

Richmond should have a public library because it will supply the needs of thousands of our people who have not the means to supply themselves with expensive encyclopedias and other reference books which they constantly need in their professional as well as

social life. In my judgment, it is a mistaken idea to assume, as some of our people have, that only wealthy and well-to-do people use public libraries. I have been in public library buildings nearly every large city in the United States, and in many of the smaller cities, and my observation has been that the toilers are the largest users of public libraries in all the Richmond is way behind her sister cities in the country on the puble library question. should have one and have it immediately, even if it must be started in modest way, and just why our City Fathers cannot see the necessity is be

youd my comprehension. ALVIN M. SMITH. President Richmond Rotary Club, Note.-The circulation of the Louisville Free Public Library in 1913 wa 776,654 volumes.

## To Make Advances to Farmers.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, Decem per 30,-The Australian wheat board has decided to advance the farmers 60 cents a bushel on the new wheat erop, which is to be pooled in the same manner as last year. harvesting of the crop is now under

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30 .- but that style is the cost expensive

Any book on dressmaking will supply

#### Novelties Often Go Out.

such as this year, when he allows himself to occome irritated at the increasing cost of feminine frocks and fabrics appear on the dress-goods market, sometimes coming in and going

Many women now have overcome the style nuisance by creating their own particular fashions and sticking to them. This is known as individuality in dress, and is the most ambitious their former capacity. Hence, linen is marker, and we pay nearly three times as much for it. So far, cotton is not expensive, but even it has added a few cents to its cost, while the price of wool shows every indication of increasing indefinitely.

Under these circumstances, the American woman is up against a stiff proposition when she attempts to economize in clother. There are several ways of retrenchment open to ther, but the most essential requirement is that she give more time and ichlevement yet undertaken by women, that she give more time and appear tailer. This is done by lines in to the planning of her and sometimes a clever touch of color. A wide band around the bottom of a

skirt, for example, will immediately appear to shorten a person's stature, while an idea of what may be done with color is found in Whistler's por-trait of the brewer's wife. The brewer's wife was short and stout, but by placing a bit of bright color on the lady's slipper, Whistler made her look tall and graceful. As a matter of fact, the brewer's wife is still short and stout, but in approaching this picture the eye is first caught by the slipper tip, and as the glance travels up to the e, one somehow gets the impression of great stature.

#### Individuality is Important.

Individuality in dress is becoming more and more popular among modern women, who are studying the not only with an eye to art not only with an eye to art but to economy. It is by far the cont eco-nomical method of cutting down cloth-Having decided how much she can and laundresses, saleswomen,

limit. For example, if she spends \$25 for a dress, then she must pay only \$6 for shoes.

Strike Medium in Buying.

The great considerations in buying clothing are hygiene, durability, quantity and art. To buy an ugly garment merely for the sake of its durability, hygiene in woman's dress is receiving the same consideration that the sin that of men, but there is still much reform work to be done. Furs much reform work to be done. Furs around the chin in moderate weather,

garments are by no means inexpen- ing as economy in food, only it Some women pre- are all available, but there

#### The Counsels of O'Riordan, the Rannmaker. (Rannmaker-A maker of wise

ayings.) The choirs of heaven are tokened in a harp-string. A pigeon's egg is as crafty as the stars. My heart

the lathwing.

keeping

or care-tost?

And yet the world is full of foolish There's gold on the whin-bush every

is shaken by the crying of

summer morning.
There's struggling discourse in the grunting of a pig:
Yet churls will be scheming, and churls will be scorning. And half the dim world is ruled by thimblerig.

The luck of God is in two strangers meeting. But the gates of hell are in the city street For him whose soul is not in his own

And love a silver string upon his My heart is the seed of time, my veins are star-dust. My spirit is the axle of God's dream. Why should my august soul be worn

Lo, God is but a lamp, and I his

There's little to be known, and that not kindly,

But an ant will burrow through a

five foot wall: There's nothing rises up or falls down blindly; That's a poor share of wisdom, but

-T. D. O'Belger, in Poetry,